

AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE

Please amend the title as follows:

OPTICAL DISC REPRODUCING APPARATUS WITH FUNCTION OF
DETECTING DIRECTION OF ROTATION OF DISC BASED ON MIRROR INFORMATION

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 2-4 and 6-10 contain allowable subject matter.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant respectfully requests that the PTO Form-1449 from the IDS filed on July 17, 2003, be initialed and returned. Applicant notes that this IDS was not returned with the Office Action of February 8, 2006, while the IDS filed on March 11, 2004, was returned. If these Information Disclosure Statements have not been considered, appropriate consideration thereof is respectfully requested.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-12 were pending in this application. By way of this reply, claims 1 and 5 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 2-4 and 6-12 are now pending in this application.

Allowable dependent claim 2 has been amended to be in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment. Thus, claim 2, as amended, is now allowable.

Allowable dependent claim 6 has been amended to be in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment. Thus, claim 6, as amended, is now allowable.

Allowable dependent claim 9 has been amended to be in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment. Thus, claim 9, as amended, is now allowable.

Objection(s)**Title**

The title of the invention is objected to for not being descriptive. The title been amended in this reply to “Optical Disc Reproducing Apparatus with Function of Detecting Direction of Rotation of Disc Based on Mirror Information.” Applicant respectfully asserts that the title of the invention is descriptive. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,678,221 issued to Fujimoto (hereinafter “Fujimoto”). Claims 1 and 5 have been cancelled in this reply without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, this rejection is now moot with respect to claims 1 and 5. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 04536/016001).

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